

floor congressional office building as I was meeting with constituents at that very hour.

Even though the earthquake lasted only seconds, it left behind destruction that will take months, if not years, to repair and rebuild. The greatest tragedy, of course, is that time will not undue the loss of life of two people caused by this earthquake. Two women perished when a clock tower collapsed in Paso Robles. Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to the friends and families of these victims.

More than 50 people were injured as a result of the earthquake. There was extensive damage to residential properties, to historical and public buildings, and to public utility structures. I have received numerous calls and letters from constituents who have suffered major losses to their businesses.

Total costs and damages to the counties of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara are expected to exceed \$300 million with reports of more damage coming in daily.

Mr. Speaker, residents and local authorities are continuing to rebuild their lives after this earthquake. I was pleased the President heeded calls from Governor Schwarzenegger, the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS), and me and declared San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties Federal disaster areas as a result of the December 22 earthquake. Federal funding and loan assistance is essential to help businesses and individuals rebuild their lives and get their lives back on track following this, such a devastating earthquake.

However, I remain disappointed that the Governor's request that Santa Barbara County's Federal disaster area declaration does not include individual assistance programs. It only limits the support from the Federal Government to the businesses involved.

In northern Santa Barbara County, especially in the cities of Santa Maria and Guadalupe, homeowners are still suffering from the impact of this earthquake and its after shocks. Updated damage assessments have revealed that northern Santa Barbara County residents suffered much more loss than was originally estimated.

My office will continue to work with all businesses and all families affected by the earthquake to ensure that they have access to loans and other assistance that could help them recover as quickly as possible. Work has already begun to make sure that the hundreds of Federal historic properties are preserved and retrofitted to provide safe and accessible work in public spaces.

This is a critical component of creating communities where our families and businesses are safe, healthy, and that the economy is secure. State and Federal agencies, including the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, FEMA and the Small Business Administration all have been working closely with local officials to give them all the support that they need. And I want to

extend my heartfelt thanks to them as well as to the first responders, to the rescue workers and to all of the volunteers, so many of them, everyone who took great risk to themselves to search the wreckage for their fellow citizens. They did an extraordinary job.

I also want to commend the city, the county, and State workers and utility crews who worked around the clock to restore power, water, and other important services to our communities. Critical functions such as emergency centers, fire stations, police stations and hospitals were functioning right after the earthquake.

We do not want to think about what would happen in such an event, but when it does, we are all heartened by the way that people pull together and work together from every level, particularly the volunteers who leave whatever they were doing aside and step right up to the plate. They cannot do it without the assistance of local, State, and Federal support.

The San Simeon earthquake was a shocking reminder to people who live just about anywhere in California that we are prone to earthquakes and should do whatever we can to prepare. Preparing for an earthquake can be as simple as making an earthquake preparedness kit with first aid supplies, extra food and water, and clothing. I encourage all Californians to take this step. This may be a lifesaver in the next quake.

Mr. Speaker, as I said, people on the Central Coast are returning to their lives as they once knew them before the earthquake. The earthquake may have shaken our foundations, but it, once again, proves the strength of our communities and our unshakable resolve to help each other out during times of tragedy. I urge immediate adoption of this resolution to pay tribute to the lives we lost that day and to honor all of those who stepped in, stepped up to the plate, to help their neighbors to get through such a difficult time.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TERRY). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 519.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, on that, I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further

proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

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ARMY STAFF SGT. LINCOLN HOLLINSAID MALDEN POST OFFICE

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3536) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 Main Street in Malden, Illinois, as the "Army Staff Sgt. Lincoln Hollinsaid Malden Post Office".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3536

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ARMY STAFF SGT. LINCOLN HOLLINSAID MALDEN POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 Main Street in Malden, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "Army Staff Sgt. Lincoln Hollinsaid Malden Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Army Staff Sgt. Lincoln Hollinsaid Malden Post Office.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TERRY). Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3536.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the next three pieces of legislation that the House will consider today are each tributes to a fallen soldier of the United States Armed Forces who served in Iraq in the past year.

All Americans and all peace-loving people around the world should have rejoiced in the news just yesterday that members of the Iraqi Governing Council signed an interim constitution, a grand step towards the objective of establishing free elections and a permanent self-ruling government in Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, in working to achieve these extraordinary goals, countless American servicemen and women have sacrificed for months since the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom nearly one year ago and, indeed, some American soldiers today have paid the ultimate price for our country. Today I am pleased that the House is taking time

to consider bills that will honor the lives of three brave men whose service to our Nation and to freedom everywhere must never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, the first of the three bills introduced by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. WELLER) that we will consider is H.R. 3536. This designates a post office in Malden, Illinois as the Army Staff Sgt. Lincoln Hollinsaid Post Office. All members of the Illinois State delegation have co-sponsored this meaningful legislation.

Mr. Speaker, Staff Sergeant Lincoln Hollinsaid left his home in Malden, Illinois, on January 22, 2003 and headed to the Middle East as an engineer with the Army's Third Infantry Division to participate in the liberation of Iraq. He was killed tragically on April 7, 2003 in Iraq when a rocket propelled grenade hit the crane that he was operating. Sergeant Hollinsaid was 27 years old.

Lincoln was a graduate of Princeton High School in Princeton, Illinois, and he was an avid fisher. He enlisted with the Army in 1995 and he had served ever since.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. WELLER), I extend the heartfelt sympathy of the House of Representatives to the family of Lincoln Hollinsaid, especially his father, Dan, his mother, Nancy, and his two brothers, Adam and Kevin.

I urge all the Members of the House to support H.R. 3536, that will commemorate the life and service of Staff Sergeant Lincoln Hollinsaid.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to join the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) in presenting these 3 bills that honor three men who have served us with all they had to give in Iraq. I am particularly honored to do so because the District of Columbia has lost more men already in Iraq than many States all without voting representation in this House or in the Senate. So it is with special pride that I speak for myself and for all whom I represent in honoring these three men who gave their lives for all of us.

As a member of the House Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleague in consideration of H.R. 3536, legislation naming a postal facility in Malden, Illinois after Staff Sergeant Lincoln Hollinsaid. This measure was introduced by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. WELLER) on November 19, 2003 and unanimously reported by our committee on February 12, 2004.

H.R. 3536 enjoys the support and sponsorship of the entire Illinois delegation.

Army Staff Sergeant Lincoln D. Hollinsaid was a soldier from Malden, Illinois, who was killed on April 7, 2003 in an Iraq grenade attack.

Lincoln Hollinsaid graduated from the local high school in Malden, Princeton High, and worked a short

while at a local construction company before enlisting in the U.S. Army. As an Army engineer, Staff Sergeant Hollinsaid served on the Army's Third Infantry Division. He was assigned to the B company, 11th Engineer Battalion, in Fort Stewart, Georgia.

Because of his interest in serving in combat, Hollinsaid transferred from a California training post to the Third Infantry Division in Georgia. Sadly, at age 27, this staff sergeant was killed when the crane he was driving was hit by a rocket propelled grenade. He is survived by his parents, Dan and Nancy, and two brothers, Adam and Kevin.

Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleague for seeking to honor the memory of a fallen soldier. I urge swift passage of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. WELLER), the sponsor of this legislation.

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, let me first begin by thanking the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS) of the Committee on Government Reform, every member of the Committee on Government Reform, and particularly the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) for joining me here on the floor and their assistance in their effort to honor these three members of the American military.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the heroic actions of three service members from the 11th Congressional District of Illinois, three service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their life to the defense of our Nation and our freedoms. Army Staff Sgt. Lincoln Hollinsaid of Malden, Illinois; Marine Captain Ryan Beaupre of St. Anne, Illinois; and Army Private Shawn Pahnke of Manhattan, Illinois, each served proudly and bravely in the United States military.

Today, Mr. Speaker, the House will honor the memory of these three soldiers with the passage of H.R. 3536, H.R. 3537, and H.R. 3538, bills that will rename the post offices in each of these soldiers' hometowns in their honor. I note and express appreciation to my colleagues in the Illinois delegation, all of whom have co-sponsored this legislation, each and every one of them of the 19 in the Illinois delegation.

Mr. Speaker, I have unfortunately lost three soldiers from my district in the war against terror. In each of these cases the soldiers who gave their lives came from small communities, towns where each of those soldiers are well known, towns that gave one of their own in the defense of freedom, towns that have been there to help give the Hollinsaid, Beaupre and Pahnke families the support they needed and still need in dealing with their loss.

Today this body will bestow a small yet important honor in remembrance

of the sacrifices of these three men, soldiers and their families by renaming the only Federal installations in these three small towns, the community gathering place, the local United States Post Office.

H.R. 3536 will rename the Malden, Illinois Post Office after Army Staff Sergeant Lincoln Hollinsaid. Staff Sergeant Hollinsaid was an engineer with the U.S. Army Third Infantry Battalion. He was lost April 7, 2003 while operating a crane to help clear a path along U.S. Army forces to penetrate the grounds of the Baghdad Airport and capture this key facility.

Lincoln loved fishing, four-wheeling in his truck, and was also a self-taught guitar player. Linc, as his father Dan and mother Nancy called him, was proud to serve in the United States Armed Forces and his service has been a great source of pride for the small community of Malden, a town of 380 residents in Bureau County, Illinois.

Lincoln Hollinsaid was more than a source of pride, though. Linc and his family have been a source of strength for other military families dealing with the loss of a loved one. So much so that our own president, President Bush, made mention of Linc in his address at Arlington National Cemetery this past Memorial Day.

The Memorial Day services at Arlington was somber, as tradition would have you expect, but the crowd chuckled as President Bush recalled a letter that Army Staff Sergeant Lincoln Hollinsaid wrote from the Mid East, telling his family that he enjoyed getting mail from them but I wish my truck and boat knew how to write. President Bush said, quoting Hollinsaid, "I sure do miss them."

We miss Lincoln Hollinsaid. I ask for Members' prayers for the Hollinsaid family and Members' unanimous support of H.R. 3536 to rename the Malden, Illinois Post Office after Army Staff Sergeant Lincoln Hollinsaid.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I urge all members to support H.R. 3536.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3536.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ARMY PVT. SHAWN PAHNKE MANHATTAN POST OFFICE

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3537) to designate the facility of the United States